

Announcing **MEA's 2017-18**

Leroy Lambert

***Political Action Grant* for Local Associations**

MEA members...Do you have a good idea for:

- Local political action?
- Implementing a political action plan in your school district?
- Involving the community in supporting public education?
- Increasing Association involvement in activities that promote public education?

The purpose of this annual grant is to facilitate the development and implementation of a local political action program.

The Maine Education Association will award up to \$200. The *Leroy Lambert Political Action Grants* are designed to help Local Association members develop and implement a political action program in their schools and communities. This grant is coordinated by the MEA Government Relations Committee.

Grant money can be used for speakers, materials, space rental, or equipment. It may not be used to pay Association members for their work nor for routine Association business. Activities funded must be aligned with MEA policy and at least one of the following Association goals:

- aid in the election of friends of education to local office;
- serve as innovative models to other MEA affiliates; and,
- increase membership involvement and participation in the educator political action process at the local level.

Grants are reviewed and funding decisions will be made by MEA's Government Relations Committee. Grant applications must be postmarked, faxed or emailed to the MEA President's office in Augusta according to application directions by December 15, 2017.

MEA's Leroy Lambert *Political Action Grant* Checklist

For applicant's use only.

Deadline for Applications: December 15, 2017

Directions:

All proposals must include the Grant Application Cover Page. Proposals should be no longer than three additional pages in length. Applicants must seek and receive the support by the local Association governing board and request that the local Association president verify this by signature. Proposals may be emailed to lheaney@maineea.org, faxed to 207-623-2129 or mailed to the MEA, President's Office, 35 Community Drive, Augusta, ME 04330. Proposals must be *received* no later than December 15, 2017. **Late proposals will not be considered for funding.**

Checklist for Applicants (Successful proposals must include all items in this section):

- Proposal includes up to 3 pages of proposal description and supporting elements, and a completed cover page form.
- Proposal provides evidence of meeting at least one Association goal (check all that apply):
 - aid in the election of friends of education to local office;
 - serve as innovative models to other MEA affiliates; and,
 - increase membership involvement and participation in the educator political action process at the local level.
- Proposal is signed by local Association president indicating support by local Association governing board.
- Applicant agrees to submit a final report for use in MEA communications by **June 1, 2018**. (Grant awardees who do not submit a final report will not be considered for grant money the following year.)
- Proposal requests \$200 or less and includes a reasonable, detailed budget.
- Money requested is for legitimate purposes such as speakers, consultants, rental of space, materials, travel, equipment, awards, etc.
- Proposal describes how the community will be made aware that MEA funded the proposal.

MEA's Leroy Lambert *Political Action Grant* Application Cover Page

Project Title:

Proposal provides evidence of meeting at least one Association goal (check all that apply):

- aid in the election of friends of education to local office;
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Proposal Submitted by:

Name:

Mailing Address:

Home Phone Number:

School Phone Number:

Email address:

Agreement:

Upon acceptance of my proposal by the MEA GR Committee, I agree to provide: a final report including (1) a description of how the project was promoted locally, (2) receipts for all expenditures, and (3) the check request form no later than June 1, 2018. I will submit these items to the MEA President's office. All funds for reimbursement will be sent to the local Association.

Proposal writer's signature:

**Please note that failure to complete the project for which the grant was awarded in the given year will prohibit the applicant from applying for a grant the following year.*

Local Association Support:

President's Name:

President's Address:

President's Email:

*President Signature: -----

**By signing this you are verifying that the person submitting this proposal is a member of the MEA and that you and members of your local association governing board are aware of and support the actions outlined in this proposal.*

Please attach proposal description and any supporting elements (up to a maximum of three pages) and forward via email, fax or parcel post to:

Maine Education Association

President's Office

35 Community Drive

Augusta, Maine 04330

Fax: 207-623-2129

Email: lheaney@maineea.org

Deadline for receipt of complete proposal package is December 15, 2017.

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MEA's Leroy Lambert *Political Action Grant* Follow-Up Report

This report and all receipts for expenditures related to your proposal must be submitted to the MEA President's Office no later than June 1, 2018. Please forward required information to: lheaney@maineea.org or MEA, 35 Community Drive, Augusta ME 04330, Attn: Linda Heaney

**Deadline for receipt of complete follow-up report:
June 1, 2018**

1. Write a brief summary describing how successful you were in completing this project and meeting the goals of the project.

2. Write a brief summary describing how this project promoted the goals of the local and state associations.

3. Briefly describe other support, if any, the local or state association could have provided to make this project even more successful.